

NEW HAMPSHIRE KNIGHT TEMPLAR NEWS



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Why seek ye the living among the dead? He is not here, but is risen: remember how he spake unto you when he was yet in Galilee, Saying, The Son of man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again.

--Luke 24:5-7

Sir Knights,

In just a few short weeks, we will again celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ, “the Great Captain of our Salvation,” under whose banner we Templar Masons are enlisted. May we be strengthened in our faith and in our resolve “to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and bind up the wounds of the afflicted.”

Last month witnessed the completion of our Grand Commandery Inspections, as March 15 DeWitt Clinton Commandery No. 2 and Palestine Commandery No. 11 conferred the Order of the Temple upon eight new Sir Knights in Rochester. Our Right Eminent Grand Commander, Sir Knight Arthur W. Stauff, K.T.C.H., was especially proud to dub his nephew, George Frederick Rowen Stauff, Sir Knight and welcome him into our magnanimous Order.



Grand Commander Arthur Stauff with his nephew, the other new Fraters and the Sir Knights of Dewitt Clinton and Palestine Commanderies who conferred the Order of the Temple in Rochester.

Our Grand Commander had a good weekend, as the following day his Lady, Linda, was among five new inductees in the DeMolay Legion of Honor for their exemplary service to the Order. The ceremony was held

in Manchester. Sir Knight Stauff is the Executive Officer for New Hampshire of DeMolay International and Lady Linda has herself been a stalwart supporter of the Order.



New Legionnaires Arthur W. Aznive, Linda Stauff, Scott R. Borthwick, David A. Rich, and Lois Taylor with Grand Commander Stauff.

February 15, last, prior to the conferral of the Order of Malta in Nashua, several current or past Eminent Commanders received the Order of Knight Preceptor and were welcomed into the Past Commanders Association of New Hampshire.



Grand Commander Stauff and his Staff with the new Knights Preceptor in Nashua.

The weekend of March 22, our Sir Knights shone, as Profile York Rite College 100 and Green Mountain College 139 hosted the New England and Eastern Canada Regional York Rite Assembly in the Manchester Masonic Community Center. The Regional Assembly was the brainchild of Sir Knight William S. (“Sandy”) Karstens, IV, Right Eminent Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Vermont and Regent of the York Rite Sovereign College of North America. When he asked for a volunteer to host the event, Profile York Rite College sprang forward. In addition to the members from the Green Mountain and Granite States, attendees came from Connecticut, Maine, New York, Pennsylvania, and Rhode Island. The Assembly was opened by Sir Knight Daniel R. Hotchkiss, Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of New Hampshire, and an impressive, multi-jurisdictional cast conferred the Order Knight of York in

outstanding fashion upon candidates from Vermont and Rhode Island. Meanwhile our Ladies visited the Currier Museum of Art and enjoyed lunch in the historic Manchester Millyard.



Most Worshipful Brother Daniel R. Hotchkiss, Deputy Governor, Profile York Rite College No. 100, with visiting Grand Governors and Regents at the Regional York Rite Assembly: C. James Wilson, Grand Governor, Pennsylvania; Gregory Whitehouse, Grand Governor, Connecticut; Reginald A. Page and Arthur V. Chapman, III, Grand Governor, Maine; William B. Ripley, Grand Governor, and Raymond E. Hassell, Regent, Rhode Island; William S. Karstens, IV, Grand Governor and Regent, Vermont, host for the Assembly; David F. Stoy, Grand Governor, New York; Joshua Retchless, Governor, Green Mountain College No, 139, Vermont.

The morning of Saturday, April 5, next, our Grand Commandery will hold its Annual Business Conclave at the Masonic Temple, 53 Iron Works Road, Concord, following the Convocation of Grand Chapter and Assembly of Grand Council. The sessions begin at 8:30 a.m. and should conclude at Noon. Dress is business suit *sans* regalia.

Sunday, April 20, 8:00 a.m., the Grand Commandery Easter Observance will be held in the Masonic Temple, Concord. The observance is open to all and a collation will follow. Dress for Sir Knights is Templar uniform *sans* sword, gloves, or chapeau. Come join your Fraters in celebration of our Savior's glorious resurrection.

Lady Virginia joins me in wishing you and yours a happy and blessed Easter.

Courteously,

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